

1. (Once Amended) A tool for manual locking and unlocking the four-wheel drive hub on four-wheel drive vehicles, said tool comprised of:

an elongated rod, said elongated rod being linearly elongated and having a first end [and] opposite a second end;

a front disc, said front disc attached to said first end of said elongated rod in a perpendicular fashion and having a channel formed in an outer surface of said front disc for engaging the locking and unlocking lever of a four wheel drive vehicle hub[;

a rear disc, said rear disc attached to said second end of said elongated rod in a perpendicular fashion and wherein said elongated rod acts as a handle between said first disc and said second disc;

a handgrip, said handgrip being slightly oversized for wrapping around said elongated rod to provide a gripping surface and made from a slip resistant material such as rubber and formed with grips that conform to a user's hand].

2. (Once Amended) The tool for manual locking and unlocking the four-wheel drive hub on four-wheel drive vehicles of Claim 1, wherein said front disc[, said rear disc,] and said elongated rod are fabricated from metal and said front disc [and said second disc are] is attached at the center of said discs to said elongated rod by welding.

Please add the following new claims:

3 (New). The tool for manual locking and unlocking the four-wheel drive hub on four-wheel drive vehicles of Claim 2, wherein the size of said front disc [said rear disc,] and said channel are chosen according to the particular make and model of four-wheel drive vehicle said tool is intended for.

4 (New) The tool for manual locking and unlocking the four-wheel drive hub on four-wheel drive vehicles of Claim 3, wherein said channel is wide enough to engage the locking and unlocking lever of a four wheel drive hub and a pair of ridges sit adjacent to said channel.

a² 5 (New) The tool for manual locking and unlocking the four-wheel drive hub on four-wheel drive vehicles of Claim 3, wherein said channel formed in the outer surface of said front disc is engaged with the locking and unlocking lever of a four-wheel drive hub and said four-wheel drive hub is switched back and forth between a four-wheel drive condition and a two-wheel drive condition by urging said locking and unlocking lever with said tool in a clockwise or counter-clockwise direction as appropriate.

6 (New) The tool for manual locking and unlocking the four-wheel drive hub on four-wheel drive vehicles of Claim 1, wherein said an elongated rod forms a handgrip on said second end, said handgrip being slightly oversized for wrapping around said elongated rod to provide a gripping surface and made from a slip resistant material such as rubber and formed with grips that